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1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH KEY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, BOTH ON THE POLITICAL AND ASSISTANCE SIDES OF THE HOUSE, THE SUBSTANTIALY HIGHER ESTIMATES WE NOW HAVE OF THE REFUGEE PROBLEM. SWEDISH OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN RELYING ON UNHCR ESTIMATES, WHICH HAVE YET TO CATCH UP TO OURS.

3. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE IN THE PAST. IN RESPONSE TO UNHCR'S JULY APPEAL, THE GOS CONTRIBUTED IN SEPTEMBER 2 MILLION SEK (SOMEWHAT LESS
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THAN 500 THOUSAND DOLLARS), BRINGING THE TOTAL SWEDISH

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CONTRIBUTION THIS YEAR TO 0.5 MILLION SEK. (EARLIER CONTRIBUTIONS WERE REPORTED IN STOCKHOLM 0007 AND 2307.) THIS PROGRAM IS BEING GIVEN SOME PRIORITY BY SWEDISH AUTHORITIES, ALONG WITH SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND AFRICA. CONDITIONS DISADVANTAGE CAN BE EXPECTED OUT OF THIS YEAR. YEAR'S 0.5 MILLION SEK DISASTER RELIEF RESERVE IS BEING USED TO OFFER TO SWEDEN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES, BUT SWEDISH INITIATIVES OUTSIDE THIS FRAMEWORK ARE NOT LIKELY. NOR IS IT AT ALL LIKELY THAT SWEDEN WILL TAKE AFRICAN REFUGEES. ONLY THE MOST URGENT UNDER APPEAL WOULD OVERCOME THE STRONG RELUCTANCE TO TAKE ON A NEW DIFFICULTY-TO-ASSIMILATE LANGUAGE GROUP WHILE SWEDISH IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ARE STILL WORKING THEIR WAY THROUGH THE VIETNAMESE PROBLEM. (SEE STOCKHOLM 4027).
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